THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 8th May 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

I.—PRIVILEGE MOTION.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Member Mr. Viswanatham."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, do you want me to raise the question of privilege now? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. the Leader of the House wants time. Therefore, let us take up the matter to-morrow."

SRI C. VENKATAKRISHNA RAO :—" What is the motion, Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is the motion of the hon. Member Sri T. Viswanatham about the question of privilege."

II.—DISCUSSION ON HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to acquaint the House that on the 6th of May 1952, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to make a speech to both the Houses of the Legislature, of which I had for greater accuracy obtained a copy[a] and placed it on the table of the House on the 6th May itself.

" I called a meeting of all the Leaders in my Chamber this morning and it was agreed that the Government Motion should be moved now and the amendments might be taken up after 2-30 p.m; and as regards the amendments, instead of allowing all the Members who have given notice of amendments to move them, we could take up one comprehensive amendment and the Members could speak on it. In regard to the amendments, I must also tell the hon. Members that they should not be in the form of no confidence motions. Our Constitution and the Rules provide separately for a motion of no-confidence in the Ministry. Hon. Members should not take advantage of this occasion and move a no-confidence motion at this stage. If they want to move a no-confidence motion, let them follow the Rules as well as the Constitution. Now, I call upon the hon. Member Sri T. N. Venkatasubba Reddi to move the motion standing in his name."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 143-145 infra.